## BRIDE of BATTLE

A Romance of the American Army Fighting on the Battlefields of France

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CHAPTER XVII-Continued.

"Be silent, sir! Gentlemen," he con- woman Hilda Morshelm, nlins Kenson, Anued, addressing Mark and the Colo- secured by Hampton under circumnel, "you are interested in knowing stances which-" what happened to this man Hampton. He could not rid himself of the bellef trembling now, and all his bravado that justice, though slow, is pretty seemed to have oozed away. He had faith in God. Unfortu-

tinued, addressing Hartley. stretcher, feebly.

warned that he would receive short of the man she loves. shrift at the hands of our people,

things that kept alive the desire for as-" life. One was his child, the other the desire for vindication, which had become a monomania. He tried to escape into the jungle. He saw that it was

"He was hiding in a little but when he heard footsteps. An American soldler, who had strayed from his company, was coming into the clearing. At that moment a stray bullet caught him in the head, killing him instantly, Hampton saw his chance. He took off well pleased to give him some rags in tained by a sense of duty to her counexchange for it. And, leaving his try. money and papers on the dead man, he knew that he left his identity behind, at a village not far distant. Frantic for the bullet had destroyed the fea- at her appearance, he induced her to

knew that he could take her no fur- promises. This time she doubted him. ther. With the Americans she would receive food-which he had not-and shelter and protection. Afterward he whom the pair had broken as they would regain her. He lurked in the broke poor Hampton. Him the traiter bushes until he saw Captain Wallace had seen, and he devised a scheme to appear, watched him, trusted him, and send him to the trenches and contrive

and for years he haunted her home, now deed. The other man was Hampher school, all places that were her ton, who had enlisted under an alias, residence, ever craving her, ever re- in the belief that he would obtain a strained by the realization that, till his clue that would unmask the traitor. He back safe." name was cleared, he had no right to contrived to go back through the lines. hey. His idea of vindication had be- found the woman, and somehow-percoxe, as I said, a monomania.

to spare, but I must carry this story have here, in full!" to the end. I said that he had less faith in himself than he had in God. Jor Kellerman," he said in a deep voice Once, for three years, Hampton lost that vibrated almost with plty, so his child. She had some to San Fran- charged with signific cisco. In his despair he went to Wash-



"You Are Under Arrest."

ington, he sought out Hildn Morsheim, who was still plying her trade, and begged, as he had never begged anyone, that she would vindicate his

There was a stillness as of utter death inside the little cave.

"She saw in him one of those useful spies such as her organization used, broken men with inside knowledge of conditions. She used him, held out promises, broke them; in his despair he made himself a slave to her andand her confederate, forgetting his manhood and what he had been. Time and again they broke faith with him. He had just realized that he had nothing to hope for from them when Captain Wallace appeared on the scene,"

"Is is on such evidence that you pre-

"No, sir, it is not!" thundered the | General. "It is on the evidence of the Hampton, speaking now with such sol-Kellerman uttered a low cry; he was man.

"This woman, strangely enough.

nately he had less faith in himself. Am loved her confederate," went on the I wronging you, Hampton?" he con- General remorselessly, fixing his eyes full on Kellerman's now, while Keller-"No, sir," muttered the man on the man blinked like a bat in daylight, and Hampton fell back there came the sudturned his head weakly from side to "He wishes me to tell the whole side, as if under the intolerable glare story. He went to Cuba and flung in of a searchlight. "Her claims on him his lot with the rebels. He became were strong enough, God knows! She disgusted with their means and meth- wanted him to marry her, to take her ods, obtained a pardon from General away from the old scenes that they Weyler, and took up his residence in might have a chance to redeem their Santiago. The outbreak of the war wretched lives together, He had prom surprised him there. He knew that ised her that so many times-and the Santiago would fall, and he had been worst of women is as wax in the hands

"But he had become infatuated with "He longed for death, but he had two snother, with a girl as much above him night at staff headquarters. There

With a cry that seemed hardly hu-Kellerman, his fingers twitching as if he sought to fasten them about his bent upon forgetting the incidents of throat. Mark caught him and held him, while the old man swayed to and fro. his outstretched arm extended toward Kellerman as if in imprecation.

Eleanor, at Hartley's side, did not even look toward them.

"This woman, Morshelm-Kensonwhatever you call her, came to France, the dead man's clothing and put it on; upon receipt of a message which had he dressed the body in his own. He cut her to the heart, shown her the knew that by this means he could pass hopelessness of her dreams, and taught through the lines in the guise of a her that the one man in whom she had wounded man, until he had a chance to believed was worthless clay. To do get rid of his uniform in the cubin of her justice, let us suppose that, even some Cuban, who would be only too in her worst acts, she had been sus-

"She met her confederate in an inn let him drive her back through the "There was the child-but Hampton lines, and on the way renewed his lying

"Two men had overheard their conversation. One was Captain Wallace to have him sent on a false and fatal "He learned of the child's adoption, errand. With that point I shall not haps by God's wonderful mercy-ob-"Now, gentlemen, I have little time | tained her signed confession-which I

He wheeled upon Kellerman. "Mameaning could not escape either Howard or Mark, "you are under arrest, You will go toward your quarters, first emoving your belt and arms,"

Kellerman saluted weakly and stumoled out of the cave. The General

"The soldier Weston receives a free and full pardon for his valor in the field this day," he said. "He is also discharged honorably from the service of the United States government."

Mark looked at the general in asonishment; this was the last thing that he desired.

The General approached and clapped him on the shoulder. "Captain Wallace," he sald, "your written resignation from the United States army cannot be accepted, owing to the state of war. After the war it will receive consideration. In the meantime you will resume your duties on the hendquar-

Tears rushed to Mark's eyes. He tried to speak, he was conscious that the General and Howard were shaking him by the hand; and then a quick glance from Eleanor drew him to where she kneeled by Hartley.

A single look showed him that the

nan was dying. Mark kneeled on one side of him, with Eleanor facing him over the stretcher. The bearers, who had fallen back, stood still as images behind. And behind them Mark had the dim consciousness in the background of his mind of Kellerman, broken as he had broken so many, and fumbling, always detach with shaking fingers,

ing the dying man's hand in his. "That believed in you. You saved me."

There was a fluttering pressure of

"I am here, Hampton," said Colonel Howard in a choked voice, as he leaned over him.

"You believe in me now, sir?" mut tered the dying man, rolling his head uneasily in the effort to see,

"Mny God forgive me, Hampton May she—your wife—forgive me. Tell "Yes, he was a rotten dog, sir," said her that, and tell her her words came Kellerman, with the ghost of a smile. true. I betrayed my best friend, and I've suffered for it, and I shall suffer to the last day of my life

(Copyright, by W. G. Chapman.) "She forgives you, Howard," said |

emnity that his words seemed to his listeners to be inspired. "There's-only -one thing-I want, Howard, old

"Yes, my dear boy—yes, Hampton."
"Put my name—back on the mess list," whispered Hampton.

Through his tears Mark was concions that the interminable fumbling outside the eave had ceased. As den crack of a revolver shot.

The General's form blocked the entrance as they raised their heads. Mark placed his hands across Eleanor's eyes and drew her away.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

Perhaps it was because they had een so many horrors during the past four-and-twenty hours that these seemed all to have fallen away that was a brief hour of rest after interminable labors, the lines had been held man Colonel Howard sprang toward and the great assault repelled in confusion; for that hour every man seemed war, and something like gaiety ruled in the messroom.

All the past seemed very far away to Captain Mark Wallace as he stood with Eleanor in the little cottage gar-

"When the auto comes to take you back to the hospital I shall feel that my new life has lost the best part of its promise," said Mark.

It was a long and extraordinarily imaginative speech for him, and he stood shamefaced after he had said It, like a boy who has delivered a grown man's aphorism.

"Captain Mark," said Eleanor, "you knew who I was, and you could notyou could not have believed my father innocent, and yet you had faith in me, You must have suffered when I used to talk about my dreams of him, and you hid your suffering and your knowledge because of me,"

"That was nothing, Eleanor." "Captain Mark," she whispered, bending toward him. "I-I kissed you to

"That was nothing, Eleanor." "Captain Mark! What do you mean! How dare you!"

Mark looked utterly disconcerted. "I nean-I mean, Eleanor, I'm just your old guardian-a sort of old friend, you know, and you were glad I had come

"O, Captain Mark!" said Eleanor. shaking with helpless laughter which disconcerted him still more; and yet he thought her lashes were wet with tears. "Captain Mark, are you really going to make me say it?"

"Say what, my dear?"

"That it ought to have been you." "But you mustn't let that worry yo Eleanor. It's often done in such cases -I just thought you were too old to kiss. You know, I wanted to-"

"O thank you, thank you," said Eleanor wearily. "Captain Mark, you dear, absurd guardian of mine, I see you aren't going to spare me. So listen. I eve you, and have loved you only, and nobody but you, all through my life, from the time I got your first letters to the time you came to see me at the Misses Harpers' school, and from then

Mark looked at her in incredulous cy; he was no longer capable of feeluz astonishment, but it all seemed like happy dream, unreliable but, while it ested, dear beyond all imagining.

"The Colonel knew it. And-others. Everybody did but you. And do you know why I have told you what I've often pinched myself to keep from telling you? Because you loved me withut exactly knowing it-"

"But I did know it, my dear."

never deceived. She always knows. I knew." "My dear," said Mark solemnly, "you

Santiago. "Of course I have. As you have been to me. And that is why I told you, so fumbling, now with his tunic, now it isn't as if you didn't care for me. If have hidden my feelings and never let "Hartley!" whispered Mark, hold you dream of them, and you never would have. So it's really you who was you today-I missed you, but I have told me all this, and I've just been interpreting your thoughts, be cause all I did just now was to tell Mark's hand in turn. Hampton was you what you wanted to tell me withspeaking; he was asking for the Colo- out knowing that you wanted to tell ne what you did want all the time.

> "Yes," answered Mark, feeling com pletely at sea, but incapable of contradicting anything that Eleanor chose to

"Isn't that so, Mark, dear?" "Of course it is," said Mark,

Isn't that so, Captain Mark?"

you care for me, and you want me to want me to understand, Captain

"Yes, my dear, of course it is," an-

swered Mark. Eleanor looked down thoughtfully. "Well, I'm not sure," she said, in a meditative manner, "You know, you have been terribly, abominably rude to me so often."

Mark had a great horror of losing

"And you've broken your solemn promise, and you can't imagine what a shock that gave me, because I idealized you in a childish way, and I never dreamed that you were capable of not keeping your word, Captain Mark."

"I, Eleanor?" asked Mark in bewilderment, "Eleanor, surely I never promised anything that I didn't do." "Do you remember that evening in Washington, the evening when you

came to see us, and we didn't get on

well together at all, at first?" "And suddenly you became the little girl that I had adopted, Eleanor."

"And suddenly you became my dear Uncle Mark again! Well, do you re-



Love You and Have Loved You

Only." member promising me that you would never give me up any more, no matter who might seem to have a better claim on me? Do you remember that, Captain Mark-Mark?"

"Of course I do, dear, but you were speaking of guardians." "I, Captain Mark? Guardians?" she

asked. "I was speaking of-" "Of Colonel Howard and me." "Of you, dear. Just of you," an

swered Eleanor. "So won't you please. please not make me humble myself again, and take me into your arms ar -and-kiss me?"

(THE END.)

## SURELY SOME CRAP SHOOTER

Dusky Stevedore in France Was Rap idly Getting Rich at Expense of His Comrades.

They used to shoot some craps in stevedore company No. ---, but they don't any more. This as a coase quence of a stern company order is sued after a prolonged argument with the dice which followed the first pay day on this side.

There was a game at every opportunity for about a week, and ther came a lull. Simultaneously with the full the men began to turn up shy of "Without exactly knowing it, and apparel and equipment. Investigation when you admitted a little bit of it to disclosed that one dusky private with yourself you were prompted to commit a pair of dice that behaved particuthose foolish acts, to be so rude to me larly well had made a sensational and hurt me so much. But a woman is clean-up.

sergeant, not to speak of 36 identificaptain he returned all of the belong- suit that is easily converted into an ings and most of the francs.

"Ah learned dat game in de just wanted to show dese new soldiers dat dey didn't know nuffin' about it." -Stars and Stripes.

Self-Sacrifice. Spongeleigh?" "I should say so!"

"In what respect?" the fact that his friends are buying them are sure to remain with us. The "So you have actually told me that Liberty bonds and contributing to wat philanthropies, he considers it his pagive you my answer. Is that what you triotic duty not to borrow more than \$5 at a time from any of them."-Birmingham Age-Heral

Graceful Fashions for the Flapper and the sound and soun



per" is due a vote of thanks from the younger, growing girls. This rather rollicking title has replaced "girls of the awkward age," which insinuating descriptive title, often undeserved, used to be applied to the younger generation when it arrived at eight or tenyears, and continued until sixteen was a thing of the past. A new ortioned in the same day with her. All a narrow band, of fur. her clothing is carefully designed. If she is too thin, that fact must be artfrocks and coats.

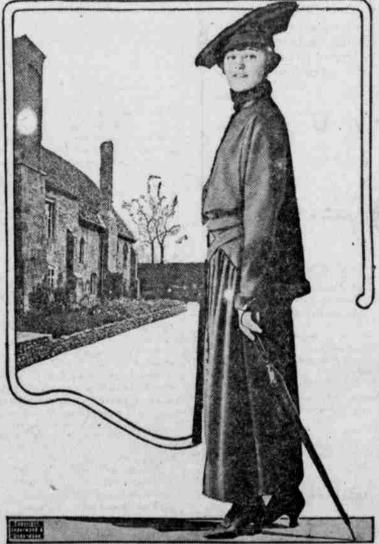
world, and styles for her would better with a scarf about it of wide, heavy be left to the people who make a spe- ribbon. The long silk tassel attached cial study of them. Mothers can be to the crown is a well-managed, disrelieved of responsibility in the mat- tinguishing touch that has made its ter by simply copying the designs cre- appearance lately.

To whoever invented the term "flap- | ated by the specialists or by buying the practical ready-made garments which are turned out in increasing quantities each year.

A cont and three hats that will meet the needs of the flapper are pictured here. The coat is of a plain-surfaced cloth with belt of the material, and unbroken, youthful lines. It has a cozy, round, high collar that covers the neck and throat completely, and der of things has come about in the practical slit pockets that provide a matter of clothes for the flapper. It refuge for the hands in nipping weathis the business of special designers to er. The pretty soft satin cap worn see that her apparel does so much for with it is merely a full crown, gathher, that awkward may not be men- ered along the center and mounted on

The two hats shown are of black velvet, and they are suited to nearly fully concealed, and she is usually a all faces. That at the right of the little thin. Occasionally she is too fat, group might be chosen for a girl in and, being corsetless, must be shaped her early teens, since its brim is irup by means of skillful lines in her regular and its crown is draped. For younger girls the hat at the left has a Clothing the young girl to look her world of admirers. It has a bonnet-best is not the easiest thing in the like brim and a soft crown, of velvet,

## Versatile and Original Trotteur



This has proved to be a season in | and unusual, with a suggestion of the sit Jot urrue or spuss udseof 'I which more is required of frocks and Russian blouse in its lines. The easy, He had gathered most of the suits than in pre-war times. With the comfortable body is extended into a france in the company in the first very good intention of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to spans out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to spans out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to spans out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to spans out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to spans out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to span out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to span out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to span out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to span out statutor of saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor to saving wool or pointed yoke at the top of the skirt udesor three days and then started on per labor, clothes have been created to and has a smart high collar and a have been everything in the world to sonal effects. At the conclusion of answer for different sorts of wear, to deep cape at the back. Length of line 101 uossal animulation and any pure me since that very first day outside the series he had nearly enough fit in with varying background, and to is emphasized by the row of small paul of many of mail paul of many of man france to finance a war of his own make it possible to be well dressed on bone buttons down the front from 'Kapoi 'uossaj sumisjago and aoj aoja and more clothes than the supply a contracted allowance of money. If neck to help, which is not disturbed by one were to try to define the one thing the narrow girdle of cloth. A little that we two should not be unhappy all cation tags, seven boxes of C.C. that distinguishes this season's ap- border of fur at the top of the wide our lives. You see, dear Captain Mark, pills, a bottle of castor oil, 11 tow- parel from all others it is likely that collar is a smart touch that could not els, most of the soap in the com- the wearableness and adaptability of be spared. The skirt is ankle length with the belt that he was trying to I had cared and you hadn't, I should pany and a packing case full of other outer garments would be selected as and might be a very little longer for a articles. At the suggestion of the the outstanding features. The street short figure, afternoon dress, and the frock that is street suit and is capable of much inquickly adapted to street wear, are dividuality and distinction. A hat or Tenth cavalry," he exclaimed, "and Ab flourishing in the good opinion of bag, or both, a fur scarf and muff, may

> The effort of designers to make ed in some original and handsome interesting garment street clothes as well as in lovely "Has the war made any change to frocks that do duty for day and evening wear. Now that the war is over there may be no further need for such economies, but some of the novel Spongeleigh says that in view of street garments that were inspired by handsome and original "trotteur" which is pictured here is an example the milk should never be allowed to of fine designing—a "going about" cos-tume that will bear comparison with leaves a dirty yellow stain which is the best of street suits. It is graceful hard to wash,

The trotteur is as practical as

tone it up to quite formal dress; it lends itself to accessories more or less these two-in-one garments has result- dressy and is therefore a versatile and

Ink spots can sometimes be remove by soaking them in milk. However

our inmost being .- Agnes Edwards. ova su of smos doldw sund; sdr

From Innermost Being, Wagner, in Christian Hernid. his nobility and divine origin,-Charles preme misery for a man conscious of Bondage is the supreme shame and su-

to every man worthy of the name and If has been given as a binding order General Order No. 1.

never to become the sinve of men. being by God, his Father and Creator,

who respects the stamp put upon his

brophecy concerning his own sons. pleased Joseph's sons and lasued o he would bury him in Canann. He stacted from Joseph a promise that the time of his death approached he Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years, When will feed them on the "fat of the land," bins ewst edt deribred the Jews and on his throne, and one day will revent Christ is now sented with the Father best of the land and nourish them. and will give them a possession in the reconciled to his brethren, the Jews, great tribulation is exceeding sore, be will one day, when the famine of the made provision for them. Jesus Christ brethren in the best of the land and Pharach, Joseph placed bis father and According to the instructions of

Brethren (47:11, 12). V. Joseph Mourished His Father and

to the Gentile nations (Romans II:12-ANOU HUUS UCTUATUS TO SERVED SUR day to be the channel through which enant (Genesis 12:1-3), Israel is one accordance with the Abrahamic covplessings would come to Pharaoh, in was the channel through which great vital blessing, He recognized that he ness' par turper the desire to convey a covenant he did not manifest officiousblace of superfority through the divine prews 7:7), Though conscious of his The less is blessed by the greater (Heplessing upon the great Egyptian king, and through him, he pronounced a talth of what God would do with bim, for food to eat, in the dignity of his Egypt, dependent upon Pharach even Though Jacob was a pligrim in

IV. Jacob Biessed Pharaoh (47:7-

monutarisinim. bossess snituple daulifications of adthat some of his brethren would also Joseph was so capable and trustworthy of his cattle. He assumed that since among them to give them the charge that if he knew of any men of ability best of the land-even Goshen, and tather and brethren to dwell in the (vv. 5, 6). He told him to make his 2. Pharmoh's instructions to Joseph

piace for pasture for their flocks, Gospen, for they knew it was a good sepp. They requested the land of Pharmoh and instructed to do by Jotle beyond what they were asked by ther were shepherds. They went a litsuswered that both they and their fainquired as to their occupation. They L. Pharach's Question (vv. 3, 4), He

were humble farmers. of the great Pharach, even though they futher and brethren into the presence ity he was not ashamed to bring his Though Joseph was bigh in author-

to Pharach (47:1-7). III. Jacob and Five Sons Presented

abomination unto the Egyptians." to the king, for "every shepherd is an should be employed in their approach shepherds he knew that some tact Since their occupation was that of to place their request before Pharach, structed his father and brethren how mnd by its prime minister. Joseph ineffuells bur were no to the new and strange he had long mourned as dead, and of moun nos posojog sig Zujoos to 1001-Jacob experienced a double delight

Cand of Goshen (46:29-34), II. Joseph Meets His Father in the

which shall be visited upon them (Acis for them against the awful day of trial the Father was to make preparation to band 1dgir out the right hand of identity to his brethren the Jews, and day Jesus Christ shall disclose his of the land." This illustrates how one and that they should eat of the "fat would give them the best of the land sponid come down to Egypt where he ther and brethren with their families be lord over all Egypt, and that his faone that the Lord had exalted him to good news not only that he was alive, DRCK to his inther in Chinan with the known to his brethren be sent them Miser Joseph had made himself

to underlinke the review, in his attitude toward his kindred than December 22, It will be more profit-

Father (45:17-28).

Since we took the birth of the Sa-ADDITIONAL MATERIAL - Genesis DEVOTIONAL READING-PSAIMS 34. GOLDEN TEXT-Honor thy father and nother.-Ephesians 6:2. LESSON TEXT-Genesis 67:1-12

TOSEPH CARES FOR HIS KIN. *TERRON FOR DECEMBER 29* 

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